

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

- 13.** (Currently amended) A latex coating comprising
- (a) from about 30% to about 90% by weight of water;
 - (b) from about 10% to about 70% by weight of an acrylic polymer that contains from consists essentially of about 20% to about 80% by weight of recurring units of t-butyl acrylate or methacrylate, 1% to 20% by weight of recurring units of acrylic or methacrylic acid, and up to 79% of recurring units of a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl acrylate or methacrylate having a Tg lower than 25°C;
 - (c) from about 0.2% to about 10% by weight of a emulsifying agent;
 - (d) up to 20% by weight of an organic solvent;
 - (e) up to 60% by weight of a pigment; and
 - (f) from 1 to 30% by weight of a crosslinker,
- wherein the coating has improved moisture and corrosion resistance.
- 14.** (Original) The latex coating of claim **13** wherein the acrylic polymer has an acid number greater than about 2 mg KOH/g.
- 15.** (Original) The latex coating of claim **13** wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol.
- 16.** (Original) The latex coating of claim **13** wherein the pigment is titanium dioxide.
- 17.** (Original) The latex coating of the claim **13** wherein the crosslinker is a melamine compound or a blocked isocyanate.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled).